

HABS No. NY-393

Schenectady City Hall  
100 Jay Street  
Schenectady  
Schenectady County  
New York

PHOTOGRAPHS

WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE NEW YORK	COUNTY SCHENECTADY	TOWN OR VICINITY SCHENECTADY
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) SCHENECTADY CITY HALL		HABS NO. NY-393
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE NONE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 100 JAY STREET		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1930-1931	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) McKim, Mead & White	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE)  City hall is an important example of late Georgian Revival style executed by the firm whose principals first made the style popular in the late 19th century.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Georgian Revival		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Brick faced, probably concrete structural system		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) unknown		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE  The two striking and unusual exterior features are the delicate, Federal style cupola and the robust, massive curved elevation.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)  The public spaces are characterized by the certain heaviness common to early twentieth century revival architecture. Typical of that treatment and the most impressive spaces are the stairhall, council chamber and courtroom.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES  The cupola suffered severe fire damage on October 4, 1984. The cupola was in the process of being restored when a blaze was ignited by a workman's torch being used to remove paint from the tower.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Good, except of fire damage to cupola and immediate area.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.)  National Register nomination, Andrea Pollock's submission, and Oct. 5, 1984 newspaper articles.		
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